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12 November 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Tuition Assistance Plan Regulation: Approval  
by House Permanent Select Committee on  
Intelligence (HPSCI) and Senate Select  
Committee on Intelligence (SSCI)

1. On 11 November 1985, I received a phone call from Mike O'Neill, Chief Counsel, HPSCI concerning the tuition assistance plan. He said that the Committee had no problem with it and to go ahead.

2. Prior to this approval by HPSCI, [ ] had provided to O'Neil a copy of a letter, attached herewith, by the Director, Office of Legislative Liaison to Senator Durenberger clarifying certain points raised by the SSCI staff concerning the program. In view of the letter, it was unnecessary to brief HPSCI.

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3. Senate staff had given their approval through Gary Chase and Dan Finn after receipt of the above described letter earlier this week.

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Deputy Director, Legislation Division  
Office of Legislative Liaison

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

The Honorable Dave Durenberger  
Chairman  
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I'm writing to clarify some of the points concerning our Tuition Assistance Program which representatives from this Agency discussed with committee staff on 24 October 1985. No student involved in this program will be tasked to perform any operational activities while enrolled in his or her respective college or university. In order to emphasize this point, I feel it is more appropriate to utilize the statutory authority of Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949 and not rely at all on Section 4(b)(2) which we had cited in our earlier program description.

Over 300 students are employed by the Agency representing 65 academic institutions from throughout the country. Seventy percent of these students are pursuing degrees in engineering and computer science, specialties which are critical skill areas for the Agency. Attracting more of such students and retaining them following graduation are key objectives and the Tuition Assistance Program will enable us to do both. It should be of particular value in recruiting more minorities and women for the Agency.

Let me assure the Committee that we are working exclusively through the academic institutions and their administrators in the conduct of our student recruiting. We encourage the universities and colleges to make all of our recruiting information fully available both to students and faculty. The response to this approach has been very favorable.

I would be happy to supply any specific information on the Tuition Assistance Program which the Committee might require. I would like to commence tuition payment with the current academic term.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Briggs  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison